

LEADER  
TRAINING

› JESUS IS THE ONE WE'VE WAITED FOR TO RESTORE US AND SAVE US.

## SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:25-40

## 1 CENTRAL TRUTH

When we spend time with God by daily reading our Bibles, praying, and worshiping, we live more expectantly. Why? We position ourselves to know God more intimately.

## 2 KEY QUESTION

**HOW CAN WE BE MORE EXPECTANT FOR JESUS IN OUR DAILY LIVES? WHY DON'T WE LONG TO "SEE" HIM THE WAY SIMEON DID?**

## 3 KEEP IN MIND

Many students struggle with the concept of hope because their hope has been crushed by people they trusted. When they express their hopes, they leave some wiggle room for disappointment. But hope is a confident expectation, and for believers, hope is certain. We must help our students realize that they don't have to wonder if they'll be okay; they don't have to wonder if they'll spend eternity with God. Because they have hope that is certain in Jesus. They don't have to leave wiggle room for the possibility of hope failing them. They don't have to protect themselves from disappointment. Jesus is our living Hope (1 Pet. 1:3). He lived, died, and rose again exactly as He said He would. We can trust His promise that He has gone to the Father to prepare a place for us (John 14:2-3). We can trust God's promise to be with us until we arrive there and to work all things for our good—knowing Him more deeply (Rom. 8:28). Our minds and hearts can rest because our hope is secure.

## 4 APPLICATION

**WHAT DID BOTH SIMEON AND ANNA DO WITH THEIR WAITING? WHAT DOES THIS SHOW YOU ABOUT HOW TO WAIT FOR THE LORD?**

## 5 THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Sometimes, God's good promises feel far away, and students allow discouragement or apathy to settle into their hearts and minds. But if they will wait with purpose—if they will seek to know, worship, and serve God and to look forward—then they won't miss Him when He moves and speaks and leads them.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Wait expectantly for God to move in your life and in the lives of your students. Position yourself to hear the Lord's voice and to follow Him in obedience.